SUBJECT No. 18.

Permission to cut and appropriate *kiribidaru* clumps growing in State Forests for another period of three years.

Mr. M. Subba Rao, Heggaddevankote Taluk.

clum... *Subba Rao.*—Permission to cut *kiribidaru* ago in ...n State Forests was granted about three years The *hebbid*eration that *hebbidaru* was not available. enough for ai... the district forests have not grown big the concession mful purpose. Hence it is prayed that three years. ...e continued for another period of

*First Member of ...cil.*—The matter will receive the favourable considera... of Government.

*Note.*—Before the subje... was moved the members were told that orders of Govern...t on the subject had been recently passed regulating ... disposal of *honge* leaves and seeds as "amarayi" produ...

SUBJECT No. 19.

Disposal of *honge* leaves.

(1) Messrs. Rama Reddi, Bowringpet Taluk; K. Venkataratnam Chetty, Chintamani Taluk; Narayana Reddi, and Chikrama Reddi, Bagepalli Taluk; (2) Seenappa, Kolar District Board and (3) Kanni Settappa and D. Venkatarayappa, Chikballapur Taluk, and Venkataramaiya, Nagamangala Taluk.

SUBJECT No. 20.

Selling timber to *bonâfide* house builders at concession rates.

Messrs. M. Subba Rao, Heggaddevankote Taluk, Siddagangappa, Ramasamudra Municipality; Venkatasamaiya and Dorasami Iyengar, Chamrajnagar Taluk.

*Mr. M. Subba Rao.*—Since the new Forest ...ulation came into force in the year 1902-03, the difficulties of the poor people are enormous. The price of timber has been steadily increasing from year to year. Old and burnt timber trees were being sold at three annas a cubic foot. Later on, it was raised to four annas and then again to eight annas. Now a log measuring 12 feet costs about Rs. 2-12-0. Most of the people of our side own carts and their only livelihood is by means of cart hire. If the cartman has to pay Rs. 2-12-0 to purchase a piece of timber to repair his cart, Government can imagine the difficulties which poor people are put to.

Further, the Forest Department refuses to sell timber in retail. The raiyat who wants to build his house or the man who wants to repair his cart will have to bid in the auction sales, which he is not in a position to do.

*Mr. Venkatasamaiya.*—The difficulties are much more in the *maidan* taluks also. The poor people are put to considerable difficulties in this respect. It may kindly be ordered that the Forest Department should sell timber in retail to those who want to build houses. If this concession cannot be extended in general, it may at least be shown to those who are living in villages.

*First Member of Council.*—We will examine the question of giving facilities for retail buyers. The supply of timber for building purposes will receive favourable consideration, and early orders will be issued.

SUBJECT No. 21.

Formation of village forests.

Mr. Nagappachar, Belur Taluk.

*Mr. Nagappachar.*—I have again and again been urging this matter upon the attention of Government for the formation of village forests. It is very necessary that early action should be taken with regard to *malnad* portions of the State.

*The Revenue Commissioner* explained that working plans were being prepared for each forest, that an officer was specially deputed for this work, and that every attempt will be made to push through the work. He also stated that Government had since made the rules more liberal by reducing minimum for a village forest from 200 to 50 acres and granting other concessions.

*First Member of Council.*—If raiyats co-operate, the scheme may be made successful. Government is watching the progress with interest.